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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: DEVICE RETRIEVING APPARATUS, METHOD OF THE SAME, AND  
RECORDING MEDIUM IN WHICH COMPUTER PROGRAM TO ATTAIN THE  
METHOD IS RECORDED

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

Claim 5, lines 1 and 2, please change "any one of claims 1 through 4," to

--claim 1,--.

Please add new claims 12-14 as follows:

--12. A device retrieving apparatus in accordance with claim 2, wherein the

mapping information includes individual positions-related information with regard to

mapping of positions related to individuals to the individual descriptions and device

positions-related information with regard to mapping of positions related to devices to the

device descriptions, and

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